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PUBLIC MEETING ON PALMERTON ZINC SUPERFUND WORKPLAN

PHILADELPHIA, PA -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources will conduct a public informational meeting on Thursday, October 11, 1984 at 8:30 p.m., to explain a workplan for the Palmerton Zinc Superfund site in Palmerton, Carbon County, PA. The meeting will be held at the Palmerton Area High School on Firelane Road, Palmerton.

The workplan outlines a remedial investigation designed to determine the extent of contamination caused by pollutants which emanated from smelter stacks in Palmerton. The remedial investigation also will determine the environmental effects of a large cinder bank near the smelter. A feasibility study, also described in the workplan, will be prepared upon completion of the remedial investigation. The study will evaluate various options for dealing with contamination problems in the area.

The entire remedial investigation/feasibility study will take 18 months and cost \$650,000.

The workplan is now available for public review at the Palmerton Borough Hall, 443 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, the Carbon County Planning Commission, Courthouse Annex in Jim Thorpe, PA., the Carbon County Agricultural Extension Service, third floor, Carbon County Courthouse, Jim Thorpe, Pa., PA DER Wilkes-Barre Regional Office, and the U.S. EPA Regional Office, in the Curtis Building at 6th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA.

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